

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative Joseph Price on 02/22/2012.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 2: line 2: --non-transitory-- has been added before "recording medium".

In claim 3: line 1: --non-transitory-- has been added before "recording medium".

In claim 4: line 1: --non-transitory-- has been added before "recording medium".

In claim 5: line 1: --non-transitory-- has been added before "recording medium".

In claim 6: line 1: --non-transitory-- has been added before "recording medium".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 2 recites, "the plurality of pieces of copy control information indicates different restrictions on recording of a video signal that is converted from the frame images, the restrictions differing depending on quality levels at which the video signal is output, each quality level shows one of a resolution level and a frame interval of the frame images represented by the video signal, the plurality of pieces of copy control information includes a first piece of copy control information and a second piece of copy control information, the first piece of copy control information corresponding to a video

signal representing either (i) material having the same frequency as that of NTSC or PAL and resolution equal to 1280 x 720 or higher or (ii) film material, and the second piece of copy control information corresponding to a video signal representing NTSC or PAL material," which are unique features not disclosed by prior art.

Claims 3-6 are allowed because they depend either directly or indirectly on claim 2 above.

Claim 8 is allowed for the same reason as discussed in claim 2 above.

Claims 9-12 are allowed because they depend on claim 8.

Claim 14 is allowed for the same reason as discussed in claim 2 above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUNG DANG whose telephone number is (571)270-1116. The examiner can normally be reached on IFT.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THAI Q. TRAN can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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